



Indiana Department of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: School Superintendents
FROM: Robert A. Marra, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Exceptional Learners
SUBJECT: Public Comments on Article 7
DATE: March 14, 2008

The Indiana State Board of Education has begun the rule promulgation process to adopt new rules for Special Education programs consistent with the reauthorized Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule was published in the Indiana Register on February 20, 2008. Public hearings will be held on the dates listed below. Interested persons may appear at the hearings and present testimony. Depending on the number of persons wishing to testify, the length of oral testimony may be limited. Written statements of any length will be accepted, and submission in advance is encouraged. Written statements must be received no later than May 23, 2008, and should be sent to the Indiana Department of Education, Office of Exceptional Learners, 151 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Electronic comments may be submitted at www.doe.in.gov/exceptional/article7/comment-article7.html, and facsimile transmissions may be sent to 317.232.0589. The locations and start times for the public hearings are as follows.

April 15, 2008 5:30 p.m.

Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center
Assembly Hall
1901 Lynch Road
Evansville, IN 47711

April 23, 2008 5:30 p.m.

South Bend Community Schools
Administration Building
215 South Saint Joseph
South Bend, IN 46601

April 16, 2008 5:30 p.m.

New Albany / Floyd County Schools
Educational Support Center
2801 Grant Line Road
New Albany, IN 47150

April 24, 2008 5:30 p.m.

Homestead High School Transportation Building
4814 Homestead Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46814

April 22, 2008 5:30 p.m.

Merrillville Community Schools
Merrillville High School Arena
276 East 68th Street
Merrillville, IN 46410

May 7, 2008 9 a.m.

MSD of Washington Township
Community and Education Center
8550 Woodfield Crossing Boulevard
Indianapolis, IN 46240

In addition, a special Web site has been created to facilitate public input on the proposed language revisions at www.doe.in.gov/exceptional/article7. The site offers a short video introduction to the rule revision process, the proposed rule language and brief explanations of some of the major changes that are being made to Article 7. It is the intent of the Indiana State Board of Education to review final results of the fiscal impact and cost benefit analyses at the May 7, 2008, State Board meeting and vote on the rule at the June 4, 2008, State Board meeting.